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SUBJECT: RSO ASSIGNMENT

EUR/CYP FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DAVIES

1. RSO MARK MULVEY INFORMS ME HE HAD CALL FROM SY WHILE ON TDY IN DAMASCUS, INDICATING HE SHOULD LEAVE NICOSIA JUNE 17 FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING AND TRANSFER TO CAMBODIA.

2. PROPOSAL TO ACCELERATE DEPARTURE WILL POSE SOME REAL DIFFICULTIES FOR POST. WE HAD ASSURED MULVEY TRANSFER AND LOSS OF RSO SLOT TOWARD END OF YEAR, HAD INTEGRATED THIS INTO PERSONNEL PLANNING. WE EXPECT MULVEY TO PERFORM USUAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES AND POLICE CONTACTS DURING SUMMER AND EARLY AUTUMN WHILE COMPLETING BADLY NEEDED TOTAL OVERHAUL OF E&E PLAN. PLAN ALREADY OUT OF DATE, RENDERED TOTALLY INOPERABLE BY RRO PHASEDOWN AND RESTRUCTURING OF AMERICAN OFFICIAL PRESENCE IN CYPRUS. MULVEY HAS BEGUN WORK ON E&E (PLUS EMBASSY AND USIS SECURITY SURVEYS AND MARINE GUARD ORDERS), BUT HIS PROGRESS SLOWED BY ABSENCE FROM POST FOR SIX WEEKS THIS YEAR IN SUPPORT SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST MISSIONS. IN VIEW OF TENSE SECURITY SITUATION THIS AREA, ARISING NOT ONLY FROM ARAB BUT FROM GREEK/TURKISH TENSIONS, WE HAVE FELT COMPLETION OF E&E PLAN DESERVES HIGH PRIORITY. IT WOULD BE WISE TO ALLOW MULVEY TO COMPLETE PLAN.

3. BELIEVE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE DAVIES SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE OF THESE FACTORS AND SHOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORDERS ISSUED.

4. WISH TO MAKE CLEAR MULVEY HIMSELF NOT DRAGGING FEET.
HE IS READY TO PROCEED THEN OR NOW ACCORDING TO NEEDS OF
SERVICE.
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